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SUBJECT: JAPAN-DRV RELATIONS

REF: A. TOKYO 9306 B. TOKYO 9977 C. TOKYO 10308

SUMMARY: PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON AID ISSUES IN VIENTIANE
TALKS WITH DRV REPS THOUGH GOJ REFUSAL TO PERMIT PRG ENTRY
FOR ANTI-BOMB CONFERENCE HAS LED HANOI TO RAISE PRG ISSUE
AGAIN DURING RECENT TALKS. GOJ REQUEST TO PERMIT
OFFICIALS TO VISIT HANOI TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING
EMBASSY HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO DRV. END SUMMARY.

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EMBASSY THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DIFFERENCES WITH HANOI

HAVE BEEN GREATLY NARROWED IN RECENT TALKS IN VIENTIANE. HANOI HAS AGREED TO TEN BILLION YEN OFFERED INITIALLY AT JULY 1 MEETING (REF. A). HANOI SAID FIGURE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR FY 74 AND 75 GRANT AID BUT DRV WANTS COMMITMENT FOR FURTHER GRANT AID IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. GOJ STILL WANTS DEFINITIVE RESOLUTION OF "POLITICAL ISSUE" (REPARATIONS) BETWEEN JAPAN AND DRV BY MEANS OF SINGLE GRANT. FURTHER ASSISTANCE, WHETHER GRANT OR LOAN, WOULD BE DECIDED ON MERITS OF EACH PROJECT PROPOSED. HANABUSA SAID GOJ CANNOT GIVE BLANKET COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE GRANT ASSISTANCE. DESPITE HANOI'S STUBBORN TACTICS, HANABUSA IS HOPEFUL THAT THIS ISSUE IS NEARING RESOLUTION.

2. HANOI REPS IN VIENTIANE VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED GOJ DECISION NOT TO PERMIT PRG DELEGATION ENTRY INTO JAPAN TO ATTEND ANTI-BOMB CONFERENCE (REF. B). JAPANESE EXPLAINED AGAIN CAREFULLY TO HANOI THAT GOJ WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE PRG NOR ACCEPT THEIR PASSPORTS EVEN THOUGH PRG REPS ENTRY MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON TRAVEL DOCUMENTS RATHER THAN PASSPORTS FOR TRADE, SPORTS, CULTURAL EXCHANGE, ETC. HANABUSA IS UNSURE WHETHER RESURRECTION OF PRG ISSUE WILL BLOCK PROGRESS IN TALKS.

3. GOJ HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR SEVERAL JAPANESE OFFICIALS FROM VIENTIAN AND TOKYO TO VISIT HANOI TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING EMBASSY. DRV REPS FORWARDED REQUEST TO HANOI AND HANABUSA IS HOPEFUL PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED AND A WEEK LONG VISIT MADE IN AUGUST. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS YET THAT HANOI IS TAKING STEPS TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN TOKYO.

4. COMMENT: BOTH SIDES APPEAR CLOSER TO AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW OPENING OF EMBASSIES, THOUGH HANOI CAN STILL SNAG TALKS ON PRG ISSUE. HANOI'S ATTEMPTS TO WREST CONTINUING AID COMMITMENT FROM JAPANESE SEEMS BASED ON SUSPICION THAT GOJ WILL LOWER AID LEVELS AFTER EMBASSIES ESTABLISHED. EXTENT TO WHICH DRV WILLING TO SET BOTH THIS SUSPICION AND PRG ISSUE ASIDE WILL DEPEND IN PART ON URGENCY OF IMMEDIATE AID NEEDS.

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